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TOKYO FOR TSO HABENICHT, HONG KONG FOR RTC AND RSS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TOKYO NOB AND TSO SERVICES IN EA AREA

REF: 1. TOKYO 4532; 2. HONG KONG 3429 (NOTAL)

1. TSO WILLIAM CAMP'S ASSIGNMENT TO TOKYO HAS BEEN BROKEN.
2. GLENN HABENICHT UNDER CONSIDERATION TO FILL TOKYO ASSIGNMENT.
3. SY RECOGNIZES THAT CONTINUOUS TSO COVERAGE OF NEW OFFICE BUILDING, TOKYO, IS NECESSARY. TSO ROBERT BRYAN NOW MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR TDY ASSIGNMENT IN TOKYO TO RELIEVE HABENICHT. ARRIVAL TIME WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN FIRM. HABENICHT REQUESTED TO PROVIDE SEVERAL DAYS OF OVERLAP TO ORIENT BRYAN AND FAMILIARIZE HIM WITH PROJECT. HABENICHT SHOULD THEN RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO WASHINGTON.
4. UPON COMPLETION OF BRYAN TDY, TOKYO, HE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR TDY DUTY IN EA AREA FOR TWO TO FOUR WEEK PERIOD.

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5. WHILE SY APPRECIATES THAT EA HAS HEAVY WORKLOAD SCHE-

DULE, WE ARE EXPERIENCING SIMILAR PROBLEMS WORLDWIDE. FURTHER, TDY OF TWO HEADQUARTERS TSO'S IN MANILA DURING DECEMBER AND CURRENT TDY OF HABENICHT IN TOKYO FOR LAST SEVERAL MONTHS HAS SEVERELY HAMPERED WASHINGTON SUPPORT BRANCH OPERATIONS. REGRET THAT ADDITIONAL MANPOWER IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

6. SUGGEST THAT RTC AND RSS AGAIN CONSIDER USING CANBERRA TSO AND SEABEE FOR OUTSTANDING PROJECTS IN EA AREA. WORKLOAD ON THAT TEAM APPEARS MINIMAL AS COMPARED TO OTHER TECHNICAL OPERATIONS.

7. RTC SHOULD BE AWARE THAT BRYAN NEWLY GRADUATED FROM ITC TRAINING AND HAS NOT YET HAD ANY INDEPENDENT TSO TRIPS. IF RTC INTENDS TO USE HIM IN OTHER TECHNICAL WORK IN EA AREA, IT WILL PROBABLY BE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SOME TSO GUIDANCE.

8. REGRET THAT ABOVE SCENARIO THE BEST WE CAN DO FOR EA OPERATIONS AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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